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County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works

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## **LA County hosts Used Oil & Filter Recycling event in Hawaiian Gardens**

LA County Public Works will host a free used motor oil and oil filter recycling event on January 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m, at the Hawaiian Gardens AutoZone, located at 21418 Norwalk Blvd.

When used oil is illegally dumped into storm drains, it pollutes local water bodies and contaminates sources of clean drinking water. In fact, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, it only takes one gallon of motor oil to contaminate as much as a million gallons of fresh water. That is equivalent to a year's supply of drinking water for 25 people.

In exchange for properly disposing of their used oil during the event, participants will be rewarded with free used oil containers, oil filters, shop towels, and funnels. Those recycling oil filters will receive one new oil filter. Promotional items are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Items for drop-off should be prepared by placing oil filters in sealed plastic bags and storing used motor oil in leak-proof containers. Used oil should not be mixed with any other liquid, including water.

Used motor oil and oil filters can also be recycled for free at a local certified collection center or on weekends at a County-sponsored Household Hazardous Waste/Electronic Waste collection event. A full calendar of collection events and list of collection centers can be found at: [www.CleanLA.com](http://www.CleanLA.com).

For additional information on the County's oil and oil filter recycling program, call Edna Gandarilla, Program Manager, at (626) 458-6536.

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